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Category: Reading

Title: The Standard Test of Reading Effectiveness (STORE).

Author: Elray L. Pedersen

Age Range: Upper Elementary, Secondary, College and Continuing Education Students.

Description of Instrument:

Purpose: To assess a reader's achievement in various reading skills for instructional placement.

Date of Construction: 1980

Physical Description: The test contains three forms (A, B, C), each of which contains fifty items. The items test comprehension of idioms, direct statements, but with emphasis on drawing inferences. Administration time is twenty-five minutes. Two sample items are given below.

I fell and broke my arm. I told the doctor I was experiencing:

A - pain B - joy C - surgery D - ill health

"A wise old owl sat in the branches of an oak,
The longer he sat, the less he spoke"

- A. The less he spoke, the more he learned.
- B. The longer he sat, the longer he sat.
- C. The less he spoke, the less he spoke.
- D. The less he spoke, the more he spoke.

Validity, Reliability, and Normative Data:

None are available to date.

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1. I fell and broke my arm. I told the doctor I was experiencing:
A - pain. B - joy C - surgery D - ill-health
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2. A mother read a book to her baby, but the baby tried to tear out the:
A - pages. B - books. C - pictures. D - mother.
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3. In contrast to the money of the rich, the poor have little:
A - poverty. B - wealth. C - worth. D - history.
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4. Although he did not sleep in class, Ali was:
A - lonely. B - tired. C - happy. D - kind.
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5. If you fail to plan, then plan to:
A - build. B - plan. C - eat. D - fail.
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6. Automobile engines cannot run without:
A - tires. B - water. C - fuel. D - metal.
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7. Timid people are known as sheep or rabbits; cowards are called:
A - hens. B - chickens. C - birds. D - animals.
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8. "She said she's dying of cancer." Someone is dying of a:
A - disease. B - debt. C - program. D - hospital.
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9. "The president's working very hard to get ahead." The president wants:
A - success B - friends C - love D - living
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10. Knowing that noone would attend his party, the host _____ to bed.
A - disappeared B - vanished C - retired D - retreated
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11. Marie was held up by a bandit at the supermarket. She reported to police that she was:
A - honored. B - delayed. C - robbed. D - late.
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12. Driving to school each day, I saw the young man running.
A - He was jogging. C - He was limping.
B - He was managing. D - He was fasting.
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13. "Ordinarily that problem is not missed by any of my students." The teacher thinks the problem is:
A - lost. B - misplaced. C - numerical. D - easy.
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14. So we waited _____ for further instructions.
A - patiently B - patently C - importantly D - slowly
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15. Everyone wanted to eat apples, but two of the committee members were allergic to:
A - sweets B - meals C - desserts D - fruit
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16. The audience threw empty cans onto the stage, and the manager apologized for their:
A - ethics. B - clapping. C - honor. D - rudeness.
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17. "Ruined! They're ruined."
A - They are of no use. C - They are too expensive.
B - They are nothing. D - They are inexpensive.
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18. When people are not living, they must be:
A - death. B - dead. C - dumb. D - broke.
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19. If a man were to pay a wife for what she's really worth, he could not:
A - live with her. B - like her. C - talk to her. D - afford her.
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20. People will never feel good about themselves if they never learn to:
A - work. B - worry. C - wander. D - criticize.
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21. We are not agricultural implements. We are not rented slaves. We are like you.
We are:
A - lawyers. B - landlords. C - human beings. D - animals.
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22. A basis of good government is that people are willing to obey the:
A - laws. B - police. C - obedient. D - traffic signals.
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23. If there is no _____, there is no progress:
A - struggle B - war C - hate D - money
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24. Everybody knows that it is a fact that one does not sell the earth upon which
people:
A - limp. B - float. C - fly. D - walk.
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25. Winners never quit. Quitters never:
A - wonder. B - win. C - live. D - leave.
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26. "I knew Bill would be successful. He is just like his mother."
A - He is a female.
B - He reminds others of his mother's traits.
C - His mother was careful.
D - His mother tried, but failed, to be successful.
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27. Thinking is a middle ground between perceiving something and responding to:
A - some something. B - that something. C - nothing. D - everyone.
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28. Share with others, but be sure you:
A - take everything. B - take nothing. C - take something. D - take your share.
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29. Creative enterprises are marked by originality, flexibility and fluency; these _____ refer to ways people organize and use their past experiences and knowledge to cope with present situations.
A - areas B - things C - characteristics D - objects
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30. Mankind will write and speak, fight and die for religion. But they will not:
A - live for it. B - buy it. C - like themselves. D - long for it.
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31. Without human values (I have lived long enough to know) no society can live in:
A - happiness and honor C - religion and education
B - sorrow and misery D - pleasure and pain
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32. Extinction is very often nature's solution for those species that threaten to upset the delicate:
A - ecological theory. C - ecological setting.
B - ecological balance. D - ecological time.
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33. The cardinal characteristic of language, it seems, is its ability to refer to events removed in _____ from the act of communication.
A - letters and sounds C - grammar
B - words D - time and space
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34. Waiting too long to deal with serious problems is construed by some people as denying that those problems:
A - live. B - delay. C - exist. D - were.
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35. When a tiger leads sheep, the sheep become tigers; but when sheep lead tigers, the tigers become sheep.
A - People influence no one. C - Other people influence us.
B - People influence other people. D - Leadership influences others.
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36. His strength, his humanity, his humility, his single-minded dedication to his objectives, and his capacity to inspire, these are the qualities not of a profession, but of a man, Abraham Lincoln.
A - Lincoln was president.
B - Lincoln was well-liked.
C - Lincoln was intelligent.
D - Lincoln was persistent and inspirational.
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37. Citizens of the world know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the _____; it must be demanded by the _____.
A - oppressed . . . oppressed. C - oppressed . . . oppressor.
B - oppressor . . . oppressor. D - oppressor . . . oppressed.
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38. In the Thirteenth Century, Salimbene conducted an experiment to discover which language children would speak when grown if no one ever spoke in any way to them, but still did everything else properly. All the children died.
A - Language interaction is essential for life.
B - No one knows the results of the experiment because the children died.
C - The children probably spoke Greek first.
D - No data are available to draw any conclusions about language.
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39. "_____ of the soul. As a man or woman speaks, so is he/she."
A - "A mirror is a speech . . . C - "A truth
B - "A speech is a mirror . . . D - "A tell-tell tale
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40. One _____ about writing is this: people without hope are not inclined to write, for composing is an act of faith.
A - fable B - myth C - lecture D - truism
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41. Speech impediments often cause handicapped speakers to become eloquent orators. Moses, Aristotle, Aesop, Demosthenes, Virgil, Darwin and Churchill were all _____.
A - aphasiacs. B - stutterers. C - apostles. D - linguists.
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42. Not getting what one wants, suffering, separation from loved ones, old age and death--part of life is:
A - realizing that we must all give up.
B - forcing ourselves to forget about life.
C - understanding what we have to cope with in life.
D - playing the games that people play that make them sick.
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43. "...If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success unexpected in 'common hours.'" This statement means:
A - It is good to dream of and plan and work for goals in life.
B - It is not good to dream, to plan, to work.
C - Men will always succeed.
D - Women will never succeed.
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44. "For _____ alone, will show the just man, though scoundrels are discovered in a day."
A - day and day C - money and money
B - time and time D - love of money
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45. "A wise old owl sat in the branches of an oak,
The longer he sat, the less he spoke."
A - The less he spoke, the more he learned."
B - The longer he sat, the longer he sat."
C - The less he spoke, the less he spoke."
D - The less he spoke, the more he spoke."
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46. A sign at the Easy Come, Easy Go Mortuary read, "Remember not that he died but that he lived and that we were all enriched by his presence." Words are _____ of the soul.
A - simple thoughtful
B - winsome messengers
C - dead feelings
D - dead thoughts
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47. One of the problems of formal education grows out of the fact that education in the school frequently conflicts with that in the family.
A - Families do not educate their children.
B - Formal educators do not educate parents' children.
C - Ambivalence exists in the kinds of, and motivations for, education of children.
D - Formal education must be changed to meet the needs of its students.
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48. "... to have more words and to attend to more words is not to simply increase mental power; words themselves are powerful and dangerous things." This statement suggests:
A - If you learn to read, you might possibly be able to read better to learn.
B - It is possible that language is used by some people to try to hide the fact that they are not thinking.
C - Knowledge of language is a basic clue to other knowledge and intelligence.
D - All of the above are true suggestions.
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49. How important it is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.
A - People should never disagree.
B - People should be able to disagree.
C - People are wrong if they disagree.
D - None of the above.
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50. Albert Einstein said, "For the most part I do the thing which my own nature drives me to do. It is embarrassing to earn so much respect and love for it." Which of the following would Einstein not agree with?
A - Success is a journey, not a final destination.
B - Crime, like virtue, has its degrees.
C - Professional achievements are evoked by external rewards, not inner drive and motivation.
D - Effective writing is a process engaged in more than a product achieved.
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ANSWER SHEET - STORE (The Standard Test of Reading Effectiveness) FORM A, B, C (Circle)

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ANSWER SHEET - STORE (The Standard Test of Reading Effectiveness) FORM A B, C (Circle)

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1. Poets often speak with the _____ of prophets and angels.
A - tongues B - voiceboxes C - crowds D - legions
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2. Please write more _____.
A - legible. B - legibly. C - cleaver. D - emphasis.
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3. If only there could be world peace! If here expresses a _____.
A - freedom. B - state. C - liberty. D - wish.
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4. Know what it is and do it. Foul jungles are cleared away by it. Stately cities rise by it. Know thy _____ and do it.
A - friends B - family C - work D - honesty
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5. We are much assisted in our lives by instruction, example, experience and _____.
A - practice. B - detail. C - status. D - opinion.
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6. A dog lying asleep on the edge of a public road is likely to be run _____.
A - on. B - over. C - to. D - down.
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7. May I be happy? May I be happy! The first sentence asks a question, the second _____.
A - stresses a desire. C - offers a solution.
B - questions a reality. D - speculates why.
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8. To sum up, the Congressman was _____ of three offenses.
A - advised B - accused C - bribed D - impeached
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9. Attempts to decide personal disputes by fighting are called _____.
A - duels. B - wars. C - battles. D - insane.
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10. The principal reason for fighting was insult.
A - a sum of money B - a school manager C - major or chief D - a truth
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11. The failure of fall's _____ led to a serious famine in the land.
A - crop B - harvest C - food D - inflation
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12. Excesses of any kind are bad for _____ mind and body.
A - both B - either C - whether D - that
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13. "Who is the greatest and most diligent teacher in the land? I see you listening. I will tell you. It is the devil." The person speaking is probably a/an _____.
A - teacher. B - student. C - minister. D - atheist.
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14. After reading about all the different bacteria, I have almost lost my tolerance for _____.
A - filth. B - dirt. C - insects. D - disease.
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15. For clear, effective, honest writing, follow the following _____.
A - fallacies. B - regulations. C - principles. D - experience.
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16. "The _____ are rare when, for a period of time, we may stand aside from the preoccupations of active affairs. . . ."
A - occasions B - parties C - engagements D - commitments
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17. Improperly administered and supervised examinations often result in cheating. In yesterday's campus-wide examination there was much evidence of cheating. The examination was probably _____.
A - well supervised. B - poorly supervised. C - not supervised. D - unfair.
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18. "The intellect at work on philosophical, historical, or political subjects is often prone to produce radical _____ and new forms of _____.
A - knowledge, innocence C - conclusions, knowledge.
B - knowledge, conclusions. D - conclusions, conclusions.
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19. The slogan, "Look before you leap" is negated by the slogan, "_____.
A - "He who hesitates is lost."
B - "A stitch in time saves nine."
C - "A bird in the hand is worth two birds in the bush."
D - "Seeing is believing."
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20. An idiom is a peculiar way of saying something which has become established through custom. Which of the following is unidiomatic?
A - to differ with B - in search of C - oblivious of D - comply for
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21. In 1665, furthermore, London was shaken by an additional _____. The bubonic plague took the lives of 68,000 persons; and then in 1666 the Great Fire of London broke out and roared through wooden houses and buildings for almost a week. Another _____ was the famine which came two years later.
A - fire. B - plague. C - calamity. D - complication.
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22. Lions have to kill to live. They prefer _____ such as zebra and antelope as opposed to _____ such as fish, turtles and fowl.
A - small prey; large prey C - animals; reptiles
B - large prey; small prey D - large animals; small animals
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23. _____ refers to a person's ability to read and write effectively. It also suggests that the person can use numbers skillfully enough to meet the demands of modern society, public education and meaningful employment.
A - literature B - literacy C - illiteracy D - education
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24. "Get out of my way," a man said to Lincoln as the two met on a narrow bridge. "I don't yield to scoundrels!" the man exclaimed. "I do," Lincoln said, and he yielded to the other man immediately.
- A - Lincoln won the verbal battle.
B - Lincoln lost the verbal battle.
C - Lincoln was tricked by the bully.
D - Lincoln should have forced the other man to yield.
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25. As we grow and change in life, so does the world and society around us. We find, therefore, that often our goals and plans suddenly appear too low or outdated and must be _____.
- A - discarded. B - adjusted. C - observed. D - deleted.
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26. Some day even more Blacks will begin to view the United States as a place to live, where they will want to spend their entire lifetimes. They begin to think that they, indeed, might have found their _____.
- A - Promised Land. B - ghetto. C - reservation. D - government.
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27. And thrice ten thousand pilgrims meet.
- A - one fold B - two times C - three times D - many fold
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28. Articles now considered _____ were once considered _____ by those who preceded us.
- A - luxuries. . . necessities C - toys, machines
B - necessities. . . luxuries D - machines, toys
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29. "Do you have a cheap one?"
- A - The word cheap says something about the speaker.
B - The word cheap means inexpensive.
C - The word cheap is homely and harsh.
D - All answers are correct.
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30. "It is well known that _____ once past never returns, and that the moment which is lost is lost forever. _____ therefore ought to be, above all other kinds of property, free from invasion."
- A - friendship B - government C - artistry D - time
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31. "Driving down the parkway, the swimming pool was seen behind the old, stone mansion."
- A - This is a poorly written sentence.
B - The swimming pool was driving down the street.
C - This is a well-written sentence.
D - Someone spotted someone swimming.
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32. "Mr. Jesus Martinez is an authority on missiles. He has written three different books on missile deployment."
- A - The speaker assumes and believes in part that people who write books are authorities.
 - B - The speaker is an authority.
 - C - The speaker is not an authority.
 - D - Mr. Martinez is not an authority.
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33. "Do we reflect upon what bribery is? Bribery means not only thickness of wallet but also dishonesty, impudent dishonesty--brazen insensibility to lying and making others lie. It is total oblivion to responsibility. It is putting on appropriate clothes and strutting about in them falsely. What legislation can we get out of a man or woman in that situation? None surely that will profit much, one would think. A legislator who has left his/her veracity lying on the threshold, why he/she ought to be sent home to seek it again." This writer believes:
- A - A nation can not govern itself effectively if it elects to support dishonest politicians.
 - B - A nation selects legislators unfairly.
 - C - Bribery enriches the lives of the bribed.
 - D - Morality should be separate from government.
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34. When a person says, "Women are good students," that person generally means.
- A - All women are good students.
 - B - Few women are good students.
 - C - Most men are good students also.
 - D - Most males are poor students.
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35. "I am opposed to building a strong army. Think what happens when you give a child a toy. Give generals men, machines, airplanes, bombs, missiles and the opportunity and they will play with all of them."
- A - This reasoning is sound, practical and clearly defined.
 - B - This reasoning is based on prejudice.
 - C - This argument is based on faulty analogy and over-simplification.
 - D - This conclusion is based on effective inductive logic.
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36. The nation shifted from wood fuels, which were used until the early 1900's, to coal; then in forty years it went from coal to gas and oil. But now our domestic and international reserves and production of gas and oil are declining appreciably.
- A - We must find and shift to other or new forms of energy.
 - B - We still have oil and gas reserves for continued future production.
 - C - Energy legislation must be enacted by Congress.
 - D - Gasoline will continue to be the fuel of the future.
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37. In a message delivered to the United Nations General Assembly, Ugandan President Idi Amin calls for the "extinction of Israel as a state." Other heads of state follow suit. Few leaders defend Israel's existence.
- A - Israel should exterminate other nations in return.
 - B - Israel is viewed as "an island in a sea of hate."
 - C - Israel is viewed as "a potential volcano."
 - D - Israel is viewed as "a sacrificial scapegoat."
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38. "You stole my wife, you horsethief."
A - The speaker suggests that his wife is less than a fine lady.
B - The speaker calls another by an inappropriate term.
C - The speaker says his wife has been stolen.
D - All answers are appropriate.
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39. To demonstrate this fact, draw a picture on a chalkboard representing an arrow and ask, "What is that?" The response most likely will be, "An arrow," not "a picture of an arrow." Which statement below is not true?
A - Language is a symbolic system for expressing meaning.
B - Often symbols are confused with the things they signify.
C - Letter grades accurately reflect achievement, education.
D - Meaning in language is not arbitrarily associated with words.
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40. "I understand your needs, Susan. I want to help you in the worst way." And he did.
A - The statements are ambiguous.
B - The statements are not ambiguous.
C - The person helped Susan.
D - The person did not help Susan.
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41. Arriving home, father announced to mother, "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse." This language is:
A - Informational, since it tells the wife that the husband is hungry.
B - Directive, since it suggests to the wife the husband's desire for food.
C - Expressive, since it suggests that the husband is very hungry.
D - All of these answers are appropriate.
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42. "A thing begun is half done."
A - "Nothing is ever finished."
B - "Don't put off til tomorrow what you can do today."
C - "Getting started is half the battle."
D - "God is no respecter of persons."
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43. "They gave me," the clerk answered, "strict orders: 'that that letter is not to be opened under any circumstances whatever.'"
A - A clerk gave someone orders.
B - A clerk was given orders.
C - A clerk was hiding the truth.
D - A clerk was quoting someone incorrectly.
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44. The belief is that if someone is ill, sneezing is a sign of fast recovery. On the other hand if someone is well, but is going on a journey, and sneezes, that person will not return. A sick man preparing for a long journey sneezed.
A - The man will recover from his illness.
B - The man will not return from his journey.
C - The man will be ill throughout his journey.
D - The fate of the man is not known from the data.
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45. We derive the word _____ from the Greeks who believed that the burning hills of the Mediterranean were the works of the divine blacksmith, Vulcan.
A - earthquake B - volcano C - fire D - pyromaniac
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46. "As he knew no one in the city, the visitor spent the evening at the hotel. As in this context suggests:
A - Because or since C - Like or as if
B - When or while D - Provided that
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47. "Few people learn anything easily that is worth learning at all."
A - Real, meaningful learning requires time, dedication and effort.
B - Real, meaningful learning takes time.
C - Real, meaningful learning takes effort.
D - Real, meaningful learning takes dedication.
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48. Deep in the bellies of the windships, I heard the chains clanking. Across the sun-baked savannahs of Georgia I saw the undulating heat, the pulsating waves of humid warmth. I saw blood, black blood flowing in the rivers. Which idea does not pertain to the above?
A - serfdom B - enthrallment C - subjugation D - vassalage
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49. The hand serves the mind no less than it serves the body. Put a sword into it, it fights for him; put a plough into it, it tills for him; a harp, it plays for him; a brush, it paints for him; a chisel, it carves for him; a pen, it writes for him. A steam shovel is the extension of the power of the hand; a telegraph, a longer hand. A television, an extension of the eyes; a telephone, an extension of the ears; an airplane and automobiles, extensions of the feet.
A - Technology has expanded upon the human organs of sense.
B - The hand is the most wonderful of human senses.
C - It is the possessing of the sense of touch that has raised the level of man's sensuousness.
D - All of these answers are appropriate.
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50. Most young people of generous minds, especially if they are readers of books, find heroes and heroines to admire, but small and ungenerous minds do not admire anyone heartily. These latter, to their own misfortunes, can not recognize, much less reverence, great people, great things, great accomplishments. The mean man admires what is mean. The slave dealer values a person according to his muscles. A glutton cannot look beyond dinner. Nevertheless, he/she is not dead whose glorious mind lifts thine on high. To live in hearts we leave behind _____.
A - is not to die. B - is to die. C - is to become dead. D - is death.
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1. Thank you for your invitation; _____ I shall be able to accept it.
A - fortunately B - therefore C - however D - unfortunately
2. Pull the tooth! Don't delay the:
A - remedy B - ecstasy C - cavity D - billing
3. A meter is _____ than a yard.
A - shorter B - the same length as C - longer D - much longer
4. _____ in the past, women today are becoming executives and leaders.
A - Electricians B - Citizens C - Waitresses D - Blondes
5. Which term is the least uncommon term used to talk about women with?
A - chicks B - pigs C - turkeys D - alligators
6. Calling others names such as "pig" _____ them.
A - disrespects B - exonerates C - elevates D - edifies
7. The Greek word "hedone" means "pleasure." A seeker of pleasure is a:
A - fool B - hedonist C - heathen D - playboy
8. Principal, a common word, means all except one of the following:
A - a sum of money B - a person C - chief or major D - a truth
9. Studies of _____ show that animals are not as much "free as birds" as they are restricted to and imprisoned by their environments.
A - status B - territoriality C - anthropology D - refugees
10. Students often _____ themselves by saying, "I'm not good at mathematics," or "I just can't learn to spell."
A - assist B - lie to C - defeat D - encourage
11. In English ten words appear 25% of the time by frequency. One of the following words is least frequent. Which is it?
A - the B - is C - a, an D - them
12. The adjective "forced" may express an unwillingness or a lack of:
A - sincere interest B - ethical background C - understanding
D - Negativism
13. Divine persons can be a source of _____ as well as blessings.
A - danger--they must be guarded as well as be guarded against.
B - humiliation--they must be deprived of the opportunities of others.
C - sacrifice--they must be asked to give up all earthly possessions.
D - sorrow--they must suffer for their services and attributes.
14. "And death has been frequently pictured as a reaper with his _____."
A - plow B - grain C - scythe D - sword

15. "You can not make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."
A - This statement is meant to refer directly to pigs.
B - This statement is meant to convey a truth about human nature.
C - This statement is generally invalid.
D - This statement is a literal statement about swine.
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16. "Given a hammer, every two year-old boy will proceed to hit another on the head with that hammer."
A - Perhaps young boys experience unconscious needs for aggression.
B - Two year-old boys will only knock pegs into wooden boards.
C - It is not natural to want to hit others with a hammer.
D - Only emotionally disturbed children hit others with toys.
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17. A simile is a comparison using like, as or than. Which is the simile?
A - I am tired, for I have done much reading and writing today.
B - I like reading very much, for I know the value of knowledge.
C - As I was saying, I like reading very much.
D - He thought himself more knowledgeable than the Pope or a prophet.
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18. We _____ to meet Illiteracy. We _____ to befriend Education.
A - rise, rise B - rise, stoop C - stoop, stoop D - stoop, rise
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19. "In the courts of the library you may have friends, fellowship, rank and thoughts, all according to your wish."
A - Libraries are depositories of wisdom, knowledge, and friendship.
B - Libraries are graveyards for decayed and rotten ideas.
C - Libraries are changing in their contemporary educational functions.
D - Libraries are gardens that constantly need weeding.
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20. Most arguments hinge on facts, definitions and values. Which of the following statements hinges mostly on definition?
A - England is part of the Western World.
B - How many students attend school here? About ten percent!
C - For many people the Vietnam War proved unpopular.
D - Columbus sailed west in 1492.
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21. Foremost among these concepts is the fact that the development of science depends largely upon measurement.
A - No measures exist for surveying people's abilities and powers.
B - Rating people's performance on certain criteria is possible.
C - The human mind is a black box unanalyzable.
D - Performances do not vary in quality and quantity from day to day.
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22. Time once past never returns. A moment lost is lost forever. Time, above all other kinds of property, ought to be free from invasion. Yet we all _____ that time which belongs to others.
A - need B - eulogize C - economize D - ~~vaste~~
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23. "I was about to say," resumes the lawyer, with undisturbed calmness, "that whether he had died by his own hand or not, it was beyond my power to tell you."
A - Someone has been murdered.
B - Someone has committed suicide.
C - Someone has died an accidental death.
D - Someone has died an undefinable death.
24. Before the Civil War, as the growing of cotton flourished in the South, Mobile became an important seaport. During the Civil War Mobile was crippled, and the city suffered economically. During World Wars I and II, Mobile developed ship building enterprises and strengthened the city's economy.
A - Mobile's economic health has long vascillated in part due to war.
B - Mobile's citizenry have always prospered.
C - Mobile's economic life is based on transportation.
D - Mobile sponsors a city orchestra and small opera company.
25. Last year the enterprise earned huge profits. The company:
A - was in the red.
B - was in the black.
C - was seeing red.
D - was black-balled.
26. "Wear a smile--one size fits all," means:
A - Smiles are all the same size.
B - Mouths are all different sizes.
C - Each face, regardless of size or shape, can make its own smile.
D - All smiles are of different sizes.
27. In a community organization, a police department is responsible for matters relating to _____ and _____.
A - education and sanitation B - recreation and social services
C - social services and building D - safety and protection
28. An advertisement for the local super market reads: Bananas, 4lbs/\$1.00; Radishes or Onions, 6 bunches/\$1.00. How many bananas are six bunches of onions and twelve bunches of radishes worth?
A - Twelve bananas
B - Twelve pounds of bananas
C - Four pounds of bananas can be purchased for one dollar.
D - Eighteen bunches of radishes.
29. "Cabin fever" is defined as a feeling of being cooped up, limited, wanting to get out and do something to alleviate boredom. Which form of recreation below would most combat cabin fever?
A - Watching television B - Reading books
C - Skiing cross country D - Going to the movies

30. Which word would you most likely substitute for the word "heal" in the pun, "Physician, heal thyself"?
A - bill B - touch C - examine D - treat
31. The "handwriting is on the wall" most likely refers to the fact that:
A - There is at least one child living in the family.
B - Something inevitable will occur.
C - Grafitti should be banned in all public facilities.
D - Dangerous construction is taking place in the immediate area.
32. Of course Mildred is an authority on missiles. After all, she wrote a book on them. The speaker uttering these comments:
A - supports missile deployment
B - disfavors missile deployment
C - thinks missiles are a necessary instrument of defense.
D - believes that people who write books are authorities.
33. Even if you have never changed a car's _____, Complete Car Care gives you confidence to handle your own maintenance yourself.
A - paint job B - upholstery C - spark plug D - crankshaft
34. "One, show the proper grip, stance, pivot, and parts of a good swing. Two, demonstrate the full wood shot." The author is discussing:
A - Golfing B - Lumbering C - Rowing D - Dancing
35. Which is the common word used to refer to the following problem?
In the city of New York, in the year 1987, as it were, there were various and sundry citizens walking around and meandering. Each and everyone was individually by him/her self walking. And there was an eye witness of the account by someone who saw the various and sundry things.
A - Prolixity B - Wordiness C - Verbosity D - loquaciousness
36. The Spanish gave us words such as carrel, chaps, lariat, mesa and rodeo. The Indian American gave us elk, racoon, skunk, squash, tobacco, tomato, and wampum. Where did "snake" come from?
A - No data are given upon which to base an informed opinion.
B - Snake came from the Hebrew, from the Adam and Eve story.
C - Snake came from the Indian American.
D - Snake came from the Spanish American.
37. Maximum, ultimate, is related to penultimate as first is related to:
A - the greatest
B - the most infinite
C - the last
D - second
38. The events for which searches are made are birth or christening, marriage, and death or burial.
A - The events relate to genealogy.
B - The events relate to anthropology.
C - The events relate to sociology.
D - The events relate to gerontology.
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39. "Rembrandt's genius, like that of Ruben, lay in the unity of composition achieved by light and by revelation of surface features and textures."
A - Rembrandt and Ruben were both painters.
B - Rembrandt only was a painter.
C - Ruben only was a painter.
D - Neither Rembrandt nor Ruben was a painter.
40. Select six medium-sized potatoes. Dice one cup of celery. Melt four tablespoons of butter.
A - These ideas refer to part of a receipt.
B - These ideas are part of a recipe.
C - These ideas are part of a menu.
D - These ideas are part of a shopping list.
41. The first cigarettes in the Bible? Rebecca lit off a camel!
A - Humor is evoked because of word ambiguity.
B - Humor is evoked because cigarettes are a New World product.
C - Humor is evoked because smoking cigarettes is a serious matter.
D - Humor is evoked because anciently women did not engage in smoking.
42. One common reason for learning and teaching history is to develop appreciation for, patriotism for, one's country.
A - Patriotism involves the teaching of many values associated with many different kinds and nations of people.
B - Patriotism is a form of pluralism.
C - Patriotism usually develops negative attitudes about one's roots.
D - Patriotism includes developing love, respect, and admiration for one's people and homeland.
43. It makes no difference whether a person says "the White House," or "the white house?"
A - The President of the United States lives in the White House.
B - Many people live in the White House.
C - A white house is a specific house that is white.
D - The white house is a specific house that is not white.
44. Mathematics, the science of using numbers, involves several arithmetic processes than can be arranged in a hierarchy, proceeding from the simplest operations, continuing to the most complex. This ordered hierarchy of processes consists of:
A - Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Addition
B - Addition, Multiplication, Subtraction, Division
C - Division, Multiplication, Subtraction, Addition
D - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division

45. A person wrote, "Sitting on a ledge at Grand Canyon National Park, Mother Nature struck me a might blow." This person suggests that:
A - Mother Nature was sitting on a ledge.
B - The person was sitting on a ledge.
C - Mother Nature is not a real person.
D - Everyone who sees Grand Canyon National Park is struck by Mother Nature.
46. "One should refrain from any mental calculations regarding his/her gallinacious feathered vertebrates preceding their embryonic status."
A - A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
B - Birds of a feather flock together.
C - Don't count your chicks before they hatch.
D - Count your blessings, one by one.
47. The anatomical juxtaposition of two orbicular muscles in the state of contraction probably refers to the act of:
A - kissing B - winking C - holding hands D - waving goodbye
48. Anciently knights lifted the visor of the helmet to greet other warriors. This tipping up of the visor of the helmet by the fingers of the hand is hypothesized as the origin of:
A - the military salute B - shaking hands
C - holding hands D - waving goodbye
49. The graduate was held up by an individual's engaging in stealth without the former's knowledge of the latter's act.
A - An individual was unexpectedly honored.
B - An individual was unknowingly robbed.
C - An individual was unwillingly delayed.
D - An individual was mercifully hanged.
50. The secretary watched a _____ demonstrating how to install a floppy disk into a disk drive. The secretary was observing a/an:
A - computer operator B - computer programmer
C - electronics engineer D - automobile engineer

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